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One of the Davidson company is Paul Jackson, a man of great work and application, has risen to the post of chief chemist.

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Anderson removes the telephone, removing the receiver from the table, and proceeds to telephone to Bronson the formula. This Anderson and Bronson leave the house, get into a taxi and go to the city. Isobel losing no time, hurries to Paul with Paul's instructions. Climbing the stairs to get into the laboratory. Paul, with the aid of a dagger, which he is enabled to cut himself free, but is unable to reach the smoking table and alarms the butler. In his fight, Paul throws the butler heavily motionless, thereby gaining his freedom. Leaving the laboratory, finds the formula, but she, with rare presence of mind, picks up a liquid and throws it into his face, telling him to make her escape. Bronson hearing Anderson's chagrin, discovers that the liquid Isobel, upon reaching the street, meets Paul, and they enter Isobel's taxi and drive off.

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Immediately Bronson gets in touch with Anderson and they plan to get the formula from Isobel, before she can return it to Paul. They find important papers at the office which Bronson wants. When they make their get-away that night, and so they take a girl, and take her with them, should there be a chance that they found her there, trying to rob the place.

Anderson, Davidson returns that evening and is a detective who has the case in charge. He is waiting in the park for Isobel and is seeing her stopped by two men, seized and taken away. Paul, with a super-human effort catches a spare tire in the rear of the machine. In the scuffle, Paul loses his grip and falls from the machine.

Anderson, with Isobel half-unconscious, come into the room, see Paul, who gains access to the fire-escape, and engages in a fierce fight. Davidson and the detective startled by the noise rush in and are astonished at seeing the scene. Paul, Bronson and Anderson stop the fight. Bronson claims that he had returned to find Paul and Isobel ransacking the room. He tells how she had been abducted and how she had given the formula to Paul, and at the same time, evidence against Anderson, who sold the formula to competitors and that both he and Bronson were charged.

Anderson congratulates Paul, saying, "I only wish I had associates like yourself!" Paul, being assured, - his discovery practical, -- tells Anderson, Davidson, Paul's and Isobel's story.

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